



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

AUGUSTA CIRCLE ELEMENTARY
Greenville
Grades: K-5 **Enrollment: 460**
Principal: Kate Bannister
Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher
Board Chair: Megan Hickerson

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	Silver	Met	N/A
2008	Good	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Not Met	N/A

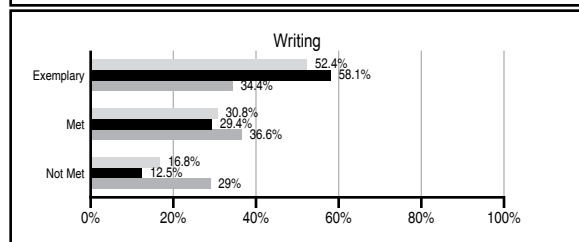
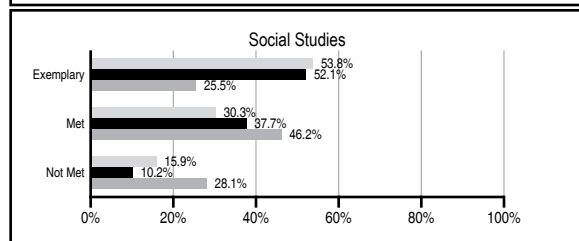
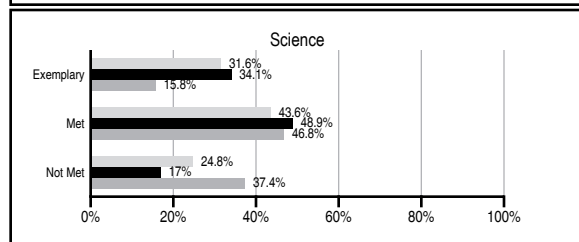
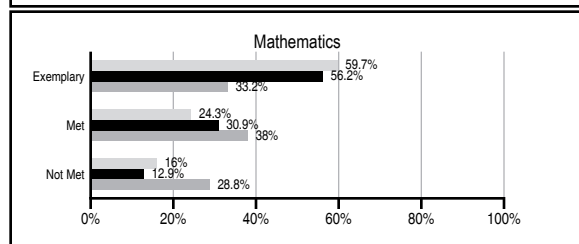
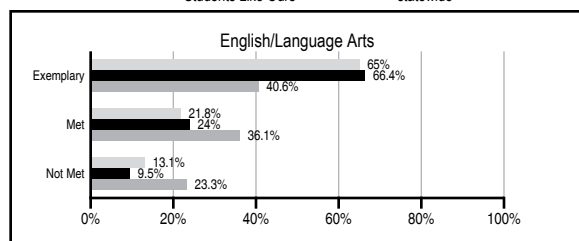
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
16	1	0	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

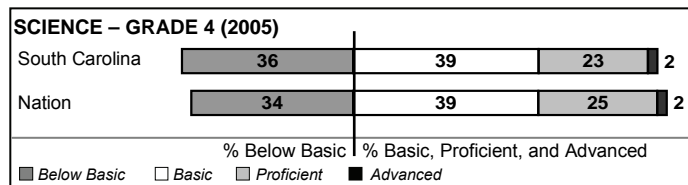
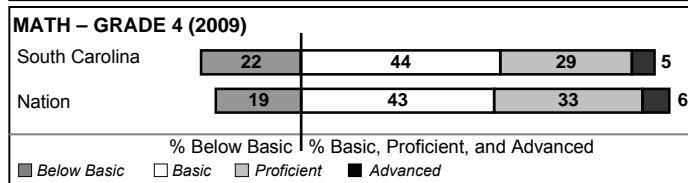
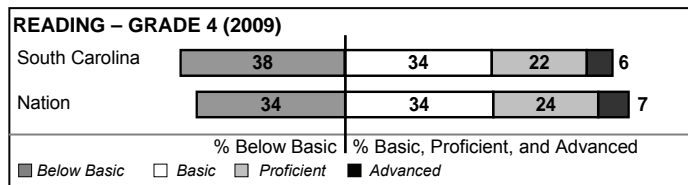
PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:
By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:
By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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AUGUSTA CIRCLE ELEMENTARY [Greenville]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=460)				
Retention rate	0.2%	No Change	0.3%	1.2%
Attendance rate	97.4%	Down from 97.6%	96.9%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	36.9%	Down from 37.7%	29.4%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	5.8%	Down from 8.2%	5.6%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.3%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=28)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	57.1%	Down from 69.0%	65.6%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	85.7%	Down from 86.2%	87.8%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.7%	Down from 87.7%	87.2%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	97.3%	Up from 95.2%	95.7%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,492	Down 2.2%	\$49,463	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	5.6%	Down from 7.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	14.8 days	Up from 7.8 days	9.0 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	10.0	Up from 9.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15.0 to 1	Down from 20.0 to 1	19.9 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	94.5%	Up from 92.2%	93.4%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.2%	Down from 99.8%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Average	Down from Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,843	Down 3.3%	\$6,867	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.0%	Down from 67.4%	68.9%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	63.5%	Up from 60.8%	66.1%	65.1%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	32	66	54
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	98.5%	90.6%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	95.5%	98.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	97.0%	90.6%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Augusta Circle Elementary School (ACE), a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, Palmetto's Finest School, and Red Carpet school is a traditional elementary school serving a student population of 455 students. Nestled in an urban neighborhood in Greenville, S.C., ACE is the focal point of the community and is rich in tradition and the history of the city. The school offers a rigorous academic program and continues to maintain high expectations for all its students.

The 2009-2010 school year was another exciting and successful school year. We won our seventh state Palmetto Gold award because our PASS achievement score was Excellent and our improvement score was Excellent. We won the Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement GAP, and our sixth Attendance Blitz Award for having the Overall Highest Daily Attendance of any school in the district. Our music teacher received an Artist-in-Residence Grant for Jeff Holland, drummer. For one week, fourth graders studied world rhythms on over 80 percussion instruments. Our PTA won a Grow Healthy Kids grant from Greenville Organic Foods Organization. Students will plant, tend and harvest three organic gardens.

The PTA and School Improvement Council (SIC) had another productive year under the leadership of Teresa Smith and Courtenay Williams (PTA Co-Presidents) and Kim McFall (SIC Chairman). Special events included four service projects with United Ministries, a family outreach program for ACE at-risk students, an Italian Cultural Arts Day and Grandparents and Special Friends' Week. Over 287 volunteers contributed 11,700 hours of work to the school.

As a learning community, teachers implemented Continuous Improvement Quality Tools, Compass Learning technology, and Focused Learning strategies to meet our goals of (1) improving student achievement in reading and math and (2) closing the gap between FARM and non-FARM students. We continue to be the school where "Children are the Heart."

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Kim McFall, SIC Chairperson

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